NOTICE OF VIOLATION

California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate (DEHP) in Vinyl Gloves November 13, 2009

This Notice of Violation is provided to you pursuant to and in compliance with California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(d).

- For general information regarding the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act, see the attached summary provided by the California EPA (copies not provided to public enforcement agencies).
- This Notice of Violation is provided by the Center for Environmental Health ("CEH"), 2201 Broadway, Suite 302, Oakland, CA 94612, (510) 655-3900. CEH is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to protecting the environment, improving human health and supporting environmentally sound practices. Michael Green is the Executive Director of, and a responsible individual within CEH.

Description of Violation:

- <u>Violator</u>: The names and addresses of the violators are set forth on attached hereto.
- <u>Time Period of Exposure</u>: The violations have been occurring since at least November 13, 2006, and are continuing to this day.
- <u>Provision of Proposition 65</u>: This Notice of Violation covers the "warning provision" of Proposition 65, which is found at California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.6.
- Chemical(s) Involved: The name of the listed chemical involved in these violations is Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate ("DEHP"), which is also known as Bis (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate. Exposures to DEHP occur from use of the products identified in this Notice.
- Type of Product: The specific type of product causing these violations is vinyl gloves. The vinyl gloves are made of and contain DEHP. Non-exclusive examples of this specific type of product are set forth on Exhibit 1 attached hereto.
- Description of Exposure: Use of the products identified in this Notice results in human exposures to DEHP. DEHP is contained in the vinyl gloves. The routes of exposure for the violations are: (1) dermal absorption directly through the skin when consumers wear, touch, use, or handle the products; (2) ingestion via hand to mouth contact after consumers touch, use, or handle the products; and (3) direct ingestion when consumers place their hands in their mouths while wearing the products or otherwise place the products in their mouths. These exposures occur in homes, workplaces and everywhere else throughout California where these products are handled or used. No clear and reasonable warning is provided with these products regarding the carcinogenic or reproductive hazards of DEHP.

Resolution of Noticed Claims:

enforcement lawsuit against each of the alleged violators unless such violator enters into a binding written agreement to: (1) recall products already sold; (2) take effective measures to prevent unwarned DEHP exposures from products sold in the future; and (3) pay an appropriate civil penalty based on the factors enumerated in California Health and Safety Code Section 25249.7(b). If any of the alleged violators is interested in resolving this dispute without resort to expensive and time-consuming litigation, please feel free to contact of CEH through its counsel identified below. It should be noted that CEH cannot: (1) finalize any settlement until after the 60-day notice period has expired; nor (2) speak for the Attorney General or any District or City Attorney who received CEH's 60-day Notice. Therefore, while reaching an agreement with CEH will resolve its claims, such agreement may not satisfy the public prosecutors.

Please direct any inquiries regarding this notice to CEH and its counsel Mark N. Todzo at Lexington Law Group, 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, CA 94122, (415) 759-4111.

EXHIBIT 1 November 13, 2009 Notice of Violation Di (2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate (DEHP) in Vinyl Gloves

Names and Addresses of Alleged Violators	Non-Exclusive Examples of the Products	item or SKU No. or Further Description
Mapa Spontex, Inc. 100 Spontex Drive Columbia, TN 38401	Spontex One Use Vinyl Disposable Gloves	SKU No. 021202761964 Item No. 76196
VWR, inc. 1310 Goshen Parkway West Chester, PA 19380 VWR International, LLC 1310 Goshen Parkway West Chester, PA 19380 VWR International, Inc. P.O. Box 2656 1310 Goshen Parkway West Chester, PA 19380	VWR Powdered Vinyl Food Handling Gloves	Cat. No. 82026-432 MFG. No. 10273-108

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(d)

I, Mark N. Todzo, hereby declare:

- 1. This Certificate of Merit accompanies the attached sixty-day notice in which it is alleged that the parties identified in the notice have violated Health & Safety Code § 25249.6 by failing to provide clear and reasonable warnings.
- 2. I am an attorney with the Lexington Law Group and I represent the noticing party, the Center for Environmental Health.
- 3. Members of my firm and I have consulted with one or more persons with relevant and appropriate experience or expertise who has reviewed facts, studies or other data regarding the exposures to the listed chemical that is the subject of the action.
- 4. Based on the information obtained through those consultations, and on other information in my possession, I believe there is a reasonable and meritorious case for the private action. I understand that "reasonable and meritorious case for the private action" means that the information provides a credible basis that all elements of the plaintiff's case can be established and the information did not prove that the alleged violators will be able to establish any of the affirmative defenses set forth in the statute.
- 5. The copy of the Certificate of Merit served on the Attorney General attaches to it factual information sufficient to establish the basis for this certificate, including the information identified in Health & Safety Code § 25249.7(h)(2), i.e. (1) the identity of the persons consulted with and relied on by the certifier, and (2) the facts, studies or other data reviewed by those persons.

November 13, 2009

Mark N. Todzo

Attorney for CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PROOF OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I declare that:

I am employed in San Francisco County, California; my business address is 1627 Irving Street, San Francisco, California 94122. I am over the age of 18 years and not a party to the within cause.

On November 13, 2009, I served true copies of the following documents:

NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT;

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT; and

THE SAFE DRINKING WATER AND TOXIC ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 1986 (PROPOSITION 65): A SUMMARY (only sent to those on service list marked with an asterisks).

On this date, I deposited fully prepaid and sealed envelopes containing the abovementioned documents with the United States Postal Service, addressed to the following individuals:

Please see attached service list.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on November 13, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

Signed:	
Jennie Romer	

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